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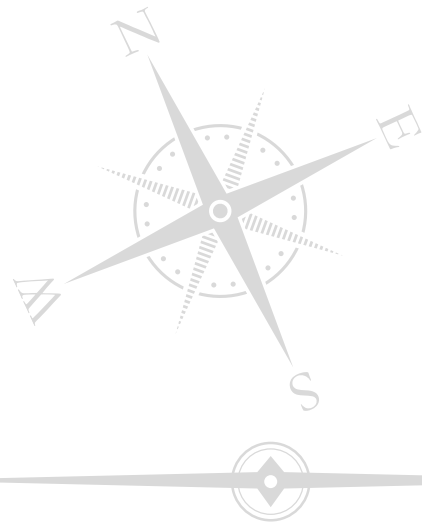
Beyond the sign, at the stone walls, be sure to peek—
For a tree that grows between cement walls is unique.
A feeder channel was once where the tree now grows.
It supplied water from the Cuyahoga to aid the canal's flow.

You're now at our quest's end, with knowledge of history.
Where the questing box lies, though, is still a mystery.
At the southernmost corner of Lock 30's western wall,
Take the second steep path down, taking care not to fall!

Walk no further than a low shelf of stone,
Directly to your left, maybe behind plants overgrown.
Inside this shelf is a gap; reach inside
To find where the Lock-to-Lock treasure hides!

Stamp your quest and sign the logbook in the box,
Then replace the treasure as sly and quick as a fox.
Now you have a decision to make; look at your clock.
Will you continue on about a mile to Lonesome Lock?

Or go straight back to the parking lot—you decide.
At the depot, learn how you can take a scenic train ride.
But if you hear your belly growling,
Grab a bite in Peninsula to calm the howling.



*This quest was written by Karey Criswell, a teacher with the Tuslaw Local Schools, and Dixie Loughney, a teacher with the Akron Public Schools.
The map was created by Emily Bryant, questing project assistant.*

How to Quest

Quest clues and maps—created by teachers, volunteers, and/or park staff—will help you discover the natural and cultural gems of the Ohio & Erie Canalway. At the end of each quest is a hidden treasure box. Sign your name in the logbook, stamp this page, and return the box to its hiding place.

STAMP HERE

**The questing season runs from
April 15 through November 15.**

Notice a problem or have suggestions for improving this quest? Contact Arrye Rosser at 440-546-5992 or arrye_rosser@nps.gov.

About This Program

I'm Arrye Rosser, interpretive and education specialist at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. I'd like to thank everyone who helped fulfill my dream of bringing questing to Ohio. This project was made possible by the generous support of a 2010 Parks as Classrooms grant from the National Park Service and is a partnership between many organizations.

So far, more than 70 teachers, volunteers, and park staff have been involved in writing and field testing our initial series of Canalway Quests. Our plan is to create many more in the years ahead. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at 440-546-5992 or arrye_rosser@nps.gov.

Special thanks to Emily Bryant and Steven Glazer.

The Ohio & Erie Canalway celebrates the rails, trails, landscapes, towns, and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow.

**For more information and to get copies of other quests,
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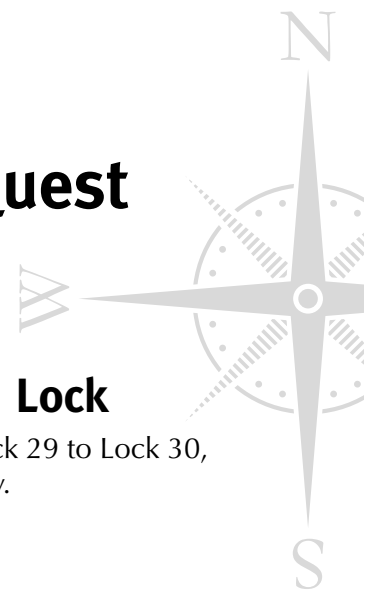


Lock 29. NPS/TIM FENNER

Canalway Quest

Questing Lock to Lock

Take an easy stroll from Lock 29 to Lock 30,
learning about canal history.



Planning Ahead

This treasure hunt takes about 35 minutes. Most surfaces are hard and flat, but there are two inclines. Insect repellent is recommended. You will need a pen or pencil to sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp and ink pad or marker. Note that this area is often congested on weekends. Stay to the right as you hike, and be alert for cyclists.

Getting There

Start at the Lock 29 Trailhead, 1648 Mill Street, off Akron Peninsula Road, north of SR 303, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. Overflow parking is available just north of this lot.

Clues

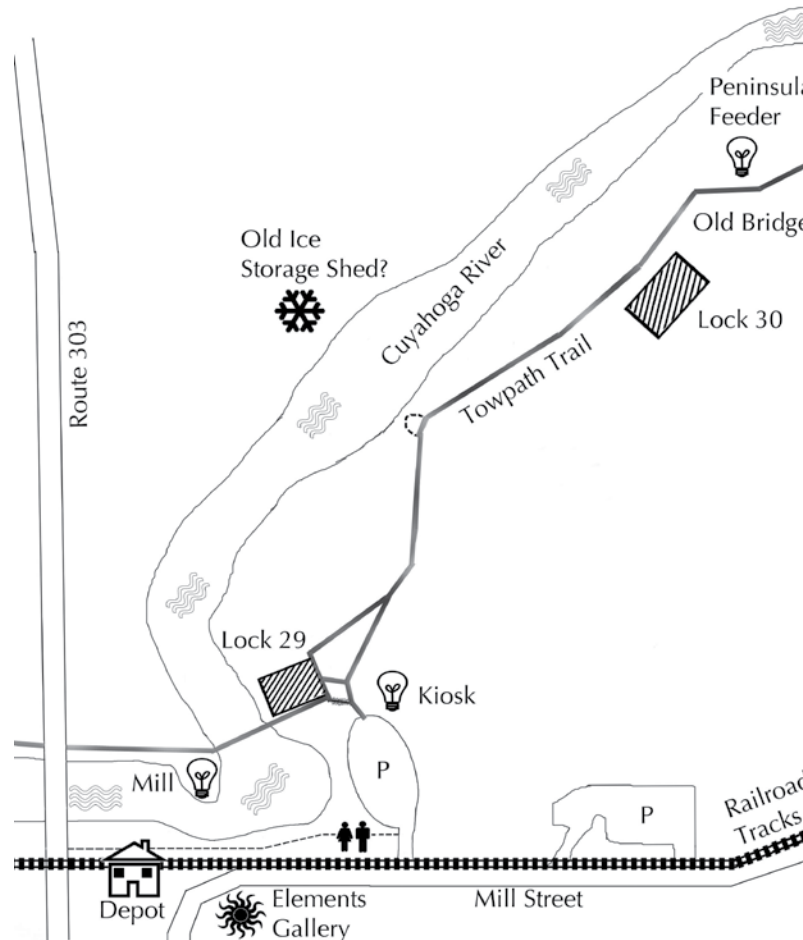
Begin at the kiosk in the parking lot.
Pause to read the canal story plot
Of a ditch that linked wilderness to the world.
The Ohio & Erie's history is about to be unfurled!

Before you journey on your way,
What caught on fire, sparking the first Earth Day?
Now head toward the SHARED TRAIL,
Beginning your quest through this beautiful vale.

As you walk on the towpath, please be polite.
Listen for those passing and stay to the right.
Go up the wooden stairs and observe the 29th lock.
The foundation was built of which kind of rock?

Crossing the bridge over Cuyahoga is quite a thrill.
Once across, read about the Moody and Thomas Mill.
Here the gristmill stood until a fire in December 1931.
Now it's a ruin with a beautiful view for everyone.

Trek back down the steps—you're doing just fine.
Go under the bridge and enter Lock 29.
Find Roman numerals, such as V (5), VI (6), III (3), and II (2),
Carved on finished stones to be shipped by a mason crew.



Read the exhibit to learn what these symbols mean.
How many different Roman numerals can be seen?
During canal times, this lock was full of water,
Raising and lowering boats like an elevator.

Now out of the lock you will head,
North toward "BOSTON 2 ½ M" you should tread.
On your left and right, see many sycamore trees.
Peeling white bark and "near to river" are keys.

Stop on the cement bridge, where water flows under towpath.
If you're lucky, a frog or snake may be taking a bath.
45 steps past the cement bridge's end,
To the left on a beaten path you wend.

100 miles long, first south and then north to Lake Erie it goes.
Due to geological history, the Cuyahoga in a U-shape flows.
Walk toward the three trees at the river's edge.
On the other side, was this the old ice storage shed?

Roofed with cedar and built of spruce, hemlock, or pine,
Insulated with sawdust or charcoal to keep temperatures fine.
Used between 1801 and 1900 to keep ice in store,
Before there were trays in your freezer door.

Back on the trail heading north, Lock 30 is your goal.
Notice where the canal bed disappears along your stroll.
Keep following the towpath for a short duration,
Enjoying nature's congregation.

Lock 30 will be off to your right.
Be careful! The edge is at quite a height.
Lock 30 is 90 feet long and 15 feet wide.
Stand atop and imagine a canal boat inside.

Continue past Lock 30, for there's more to know.
Across the towpath to the sign you should go.
This exhibit will educate any reader
About the bridge and Peninsula feeder.

Find the bridge where drivers and mules once walked,
Pulling boats on the canal as the locals gawked.
Three mules per team along the path often plugged.
Eighty tons for eight hours those animals tugged.